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To: Medicaid Eligibility Handbook Users

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Re: **MEH Release 06-02**

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**EFFECTIVE  
DATE**

The following policy additions or changes are effective 07/14/06, unless otherwise noted.  
**Bold text denotes new text. Text with a strike through it in the old policy section denotes deleted text.**

**UPDATED  
SECTIONS  
OVERVIEW  
POLICY  
CHANGES**

**The following sections were edited in this release:**

**1.1.2**

Obsolete Text on including military parents in the household was deleted.

**Deleted Text:**

Include in the household

~~e. Those in military service. Answer all non-financial eligibility questions as if s/he were in the home. Do not include him/her in the MA fiscal test group ( FTG) or count his/her income or assets.~~

**1.1.2 #4**

Clarification was provided on inmates outside of an institution.

**New Text**

**If an inmate resides outside of the public correctional institution for more than 24 hours at any one time, s/he can qualify for MA during that time period if s/he meets all other eligibility criteria.**

**1.2.4, 2.1.4.5**

Operations Memo 06-13 Medicaid Verification Policy Changes was incorporated into the MEH.

**2.1.4.2.2**

Text was added to clarify that re-signing the application or page one of the CAF sets a new filing date.

**New Text:**

If less than 30 days has passed since the client's eligibility was denied, allow the client to re-sign **and date** the application or page one of the CAF **to set a new filing date.**

**2.2.1** Clarification was made to the Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid certification period.

**New Text:**

Certify the client for 12 months beginning with and including the certification month.  
Backdate to whichever is more recent:

- a. Up to three months prior to the filing date.
- b. To the **day following the date of diagnosis**.

**3.1.4.2** A reference to not for profit facilities was deleted.

**Deleted Text noted with strikethrough**

Federal financial participation is available under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to pay for all or part of a person's foster care or subsidized adoption. IV-E eligible children are categorically eligible in the state where they reside. This policy applies only ~~to children who are placed in not for profit facilities and it applies only to MA coverage.~~ It does not affect any maintenance payments for substitute care.

**3.6.6.1** A new subsection was added on disabled recipients who exceed the substantial gainful activity level.

**4.2.2.3** A section was added on when to consider babysitting self employment:

**New Text:**

**Note: A baby sitter who works in someone else's home is considered an employee of that household, even if the individual employing him/her does not withhold taxes or FICA.**

**5.5.2.1.2** A typo was corrected

**Formerly stated:**

~~3. S/he is an eligible alien.~~

**New Text**

3. S/he is an ineligible alien.

**5.8.9** Clarification was provided on refunds of prepaid nursing home patient liability.

**New Text**

When an institutionalized person becomes eligible for MA, s/he is certified with a begin date of the first of the month in which s/he became eligible. If the recipient prepaid his/her patient liability for that month, **the recipient may ask the nursing home to send the bill to Wisconsin Medicaid and ask that s/he be reimbursed for the month.**

**5.9.1** A note was included in the Community Waivers section of the MEH that a person who is MAPP disabled may be eligible as a Group A participant even if a regular disability has not been determined by DDB.

**5.10.2.2**

**Asset Share** was inadvertently omitted from the title **Community Spouse Asset Share**

**5.10.4 #3**

Clarification was provided on the documentation requirement for assets set aside for burial purposes.

**New Text**

**Any/all assets designated for burial purposes are exempt. Any unreasonable amount should be supported by documentation of the burial related costs or contract.**

**For example, ask the client to document that they have arranged to purchase a \$100,000 casket or that a funeral home will provide them with a \$75,000 funeral along with an itemized listing of the funeral goods and services that will be provided.**

**5.10.6**

New Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowances were incorporated into the MEH. This information was originally communicated in Operations Memo 06-24.

**5.11.2.1**

The DAC Payment Disregard examples were updated.

**5.12.4.1.1**

Text and a link were added for the HCF 10121 (Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) Independence Account Registration Form).

**5.14.9.2**

An outdated reference to the Introduction of the MEH was replaced with a current handbook reference.

**5.17.3**

Text was added on the Financial Requirements for Wisconsin Well Woman.

**New Text:**

Do not test for assets or income. Financial requirements are addressed through the WWWP or **Family Planning Waiver** enrollment process.

**5.17.6.1**

The age limit for Applications for Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid by Family Planning Waiver participants was clarified.

**6.2.1.1**

Text and examples were added to clarify client error overpayment policy.

The effective date of this policy page was changed to July 27, 2005. The client error overpayment policy was changed with operations memo 05-39. The effective date of Operations Memo 05-39 on the overpayment policy was July 27, 2005.

**6.2.2.2**

New text was added to clarify the overpayment amount that should be recovered if the case was ineligible because of excess income.

**New Text:**

**If a case was ineligible due to excess income recover:**

**1. The lesser of FFS services MA paid or the amount the client paid toward deductible**

**or**

**2. The lesser of what the client paid toward the deductible and the amount MA has spent on HMO capitation payments.**

**6.3.8, 6.3.11**

References to the obsolete TPL End Date Report were removed.

**8.1.7**

The COLA Disregard Table was updated with 2006 numbers.